the block level. Banks have also been advised to create separate "Recovery Cell" for a cluster of nearby branches for continuous and effective supervision and recovery where overdues exceeds 50% of demand and agricultural advances are sizeable. Separate guidelines have also been issued to banks for providing relief measures/relaxations to various categories of borrowers affected by natural calamities such as drought, floods, etc., which include rescheduling/ rephasing of loans, extension of repayment period, etc. Banks have been advised to observe one day in a week as non-business working day for their rural branches and branch managers have to ensure that harvesting seasons are effectively used for recovery of dues. The prudential norms for income recognition and provisioning introduced recently would induce the banks to go in for quality advances and improve follow-up of their advances.

Hindi Typewriter in the Ministry of Finance

†3269: SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of such Departments under the Ministry of Finance which don't have a single Hindi typewriter so far;

(b) the reasons for not purchasing the Hindi typewriter there so far and the Officers responsible for such kind of negligence; and

(c) the action taken to ensure the compliance of targets fixed for the purchase of Hindi typewriter by the Department of Official language in its annual Hindi programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) Nil, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) All the Departments/Divisions of this Ministry have been instructed to purchase bilingual Electronic typewriters/Computers as per the targets fixed by the Department of Official Language.

Harassment by Central Excise in Mumbai

3270. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.